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The proposed settlement with Microsoft is an extraordinarily bad idea.

Microsoft has reached a very dominant and monopolistic position in the computer software field and, much like the old Bell system, must be controlled somehow. They are choking the life out of computer software innovators. Besides this, they use illegal business practices to do it.

I believe strongly in capitalism, but there are certain monopolistic situations where the government must step in and control.

--Dr Steve Otto